

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Robert Gerkin. Others present were Art Reed, Karl Gilbert, Bill Tebo, Adam Dodge, Alison Watts, and Nancy Spencer.

Property Tax Warrant for 2005 signed.

Replacement check (for lost check) signed. Proulx Oil check not signed – waiting for additional information on bill.

Cemetery Deeds were signed.

Selectmen asked that the Town Library include in their newsletter the Town's website address and the need for additional volunteer firefighters. Suggested Jennifer MacPherson contact Fire Chief for specifics. Nancy sent Jennifer an e-mail with these suggestions. Jennifer will include the website address for the Town and contact the Fire Chief regarding the need for additional volunteer firefighters.

Various insurance quotes were reviewed. Decided to have Foy Insurance and Primex come in next Tuesday along with NHMA to go over coverages and costs. Foy Insurance cannot obtain other quotes as two questionnaires from employees have not been returned.

The fees for the Hazardous Waste Collection will be increasing for 2006.

Opened sealed bids for printing of Town Report. Accepted T. Pine of Lebanon, CT. as winning bidder at \$2,129.00 for 500 copies.

Jones and Beach sent a letter requesting Heath Drive and Scanlon Way be accepted as final Town Roads. The Selectmen requested that the Town Planner and Planning Board comment on this prior to making a decision.

The schedule for amendments to the Zoning Ordinances was reviewed.

Newfields Piscassic Greenway property – a copy of the latest DES Grant Request was received and filed in Conservation Commission file.

Minutes approved for 10/18/05 Selectmen's Meeting.  
Minutes approved with revisions for 10/25/05 Selectmen's Meeting.

Old business – check with Reuben Hull to see if he wrote the letter re: ADA Compliance.

Art Reed was asked which police line items will be reduced based on the reduction of part-time officer use in conjunction with adding another full-time officer. Art will work with figures and submit revisions.

The Board went into non-public session at 6:52 pm. Back to public session at 7:18pm.

Karl Gilbert and Bill Tebo are asking for the Town's support in naming the new bridge over the Squamscott River between Newfields and Stratham on behalf of the Squalus Memorial Chapter of New Hampshire, United States Submarine Veterans of World War II. The proposed name is "United States Submarine Veterans of World War II Memorial Bridge". There is no cost to the town. James made a motion to support this effort. It was seconded by Janet and passed unanimously.

Adam Dodge from the Exeter Newsletter was in to discuss the new tax rate and what caused the large increase for Newfields. The town and county rates have remained stable, while the Cooperative School portion increased substantially. He hopes to publish an article in the 11/04/05 edition.

Alison Watts from the Conservation Commission was in to discuss the harvesting of timber on land with easements. It was decided to have the Conservation Commission review and approve any permit applications on land with Town easements. Alison will provide the Town Office with a list of properties affected.

\*Alison recommends that a Conservation member or volunteer be assigned to monitor 1 property and have an ongoing relationship with the property owner. One member/volunteer would be assigned to each property with a Conservation Easement.

\*NH Estuaries may fund a baseline monitoring program which involves meeting with the landowner and reviewing the management plan.

\*Alison will get a copy of a Forest Management Plan for use as an example.

Roberta will contact Diana Toth, Supervisor of the Checklist regarding Election process changes.

James made a motion to adjourn at 9:50pm. It was seconded by Janet and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy J. Spencer

